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DURING MY FAREWELL CALL ON GENERAL FRANCO OF SOME TWENTY MINUTES TODAY I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE HIS MENTAL AND PHYSICAL STATE. HE WAS MENTALLY ALERT. HE PICKED UP POINTS I MADE QUICKLY AND RESPONDED IMMEDIATELY AND INCISIVELY. HIS VOICE WAS, IN FACT, CLEARER THAN ON THE OCCASIONS OF MY PREVIOUS VISITS. HIS HANDS TREMBLED NOTICEABLY, BUT HIS HAND-SHAKE WAS FIRM, AND I DID NOT NOTE ANY LOSS OF WEIGHT OR OTHER GENERAL DETERIORATION IN HIS PHYSICAL APPEARANCE SINCE I LAST SAW HIM BEFORE HIS ILLNESS. HIS DESK WAS PILED HIGH WITH PAPERS, AS IS CUSTOMARY, AND THERE WERE MANY OTHER VISITORS WAITING TO SEE HIM. IN SUM, I HAD THE IMPRESSION OF A MAN WHOSE HEALTH WAS SURPRISINGLY GOOD CONSIDERING WHAT HE HAS GONE THROUGH, AND WHO IS CURRENTLY QUITE ACTIVE.
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